



HELEN ALYCE OWENS wasn't content with being an active Red Cross worker and a state democratic committee-woman at home in New Jersey. So she enlisted in the WAC, asked to become a cook, and eventually landed in Fort Benning as T-4 Owens, first cook of the WAC detachment in the Harmony Church area. (U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Italian Prisoners Cheer Armistice

Cheers of "Viva L. Roosevelt" and "Viva America" sprang from the throats of Italian prisoners of war at the internment camp at Fort Benning Wednesday afternoon as the men were told that peace had come to Italy.

Several hundred new prisoners arrived yesterday fresh from the battlefields of Sicily, and they along with those already at the camp, received the news with cheers. Excitedly many of them asked if they could now see their relatives in New York, Brooklyn and Chicago.

Those prisoners of war who had been working on some 20 farms during the day had heard the news. Some of the new arrivals had heard it, too, but they did not believe.

It was only when Col. George M. Chescheir, commanding officer of the camp, told the "prisoners" that the news was true, that they actually believed what they had mistrusted before.

There were cheers, too, when Chaplain McEachen granted a request that had been made by the men after they learned of the armistice. He told them in Italian, that the colonel would allow them to hold a Te Deum—Thanksgiving—mass on Sunday.

The news of the armistice coincided with the arrival of the new contingent of war prisoners. These men were making their first trip since being taken prisoner in Sicily. Haggard, unshaven and ragged and with obviously crushed spirits, nevertheless their eyes shone as they were convinced that the war was over for Italy.

Next it was Germany and Japan and then we can go home," one man shouted. Another made an unprintable comment about Mussolini.

Colonel Chescheir escorted public relations officers through the internment camp so that they might see what was taking place.

Capt. Delany to Observe 30th Army Anniversary

Officer Joined Up At Age of 16; Told 'Em He Was 21'

Discharged from the railroad because of his extreme youth, and discouraged because he couldn't carry on the family tradition of railroading, a 16-year-old boy traveled to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and joined the Army where he could pass as 21. But on Sunday, Sept. 12, the boy will celebrate his 30th anniversary in the Army at Fort Benning. He is Captain B. F. Delany, Ordnance Branch at the post.

At a time of life when most boys are reading thrilling stories of Texas Rangers, and seeing Hop-A-Long, Capt. Delany is a six-shooter and patrolling the Mexican border between Texas and Mexico from Del Rio to Brownsville, a long way to ride a horse. Being a member of the 6th Cavalry, the then P. T. Delany with all the vigors of his sixteen years took his place in the saddle with seasoned riders of Uncle Sam's best.

Going later to France where he served for 23 months, he returned to the States and served tours of duty at Fort Houston and Fort Brown, Texas.

Coming to Benning from the Motor Transport Branch where he is executive officer for the automotive group, he is reviewing military records. Capt. Delany has several records of which he is justly proud.

Big Grid Season Looms

3 Powerful Clubs Represent Benning

All-American George Poschner to Play For 176th Infantry Gridmen

Fort Benning's biggest football campaign in history is just around the corner as baseball prepares to evacuate the sports base and make way for the grand old grid game.

With a bumper crop of last fall's collegiate stars already on hand for the daily workouts, the 124th Gators, 176th Spirits and 300th Sabers are rapidly developing into grid machines that will spell trouble for every outside opponent on their schedule.

Latest rah-rah star to report is George Poschner, Georgia's All-American end of last fall, who gained eternal fame for his spectacular work on the receiving end of Fireball Frankie Sinkwich's passes throughout the regular season and in the Rose Bowl victory of the Bulldogs last January.

Poschner, just graduated from O. C. school twelve days ago, has been assigned to the 17th Infantry and reported Tuesday morning for his first workout in Spirit tugs. Along with Poschner, the Spirits also gained another valuable line-man from the 1942 Bulldog eleven in the person of J. P. Miller, second-string guard on the Rose Bowl team.

The arrival of Poschner and Miller brought to four the number of ex-Bulldogs who will cavort in Doughboy Stadium this fall. Lamar (Racehorse) Davis and Jim Todd, fleet Georgia backs, already are vital cogs in the 1943 plans of the 124th Gators, last fall's post champions. Two of Alabama's Orange Bowl heroes, Sam Eppard and Jack McKeven, are also wearing Gator colors this season.

MATERIAL GALORE
To list the famed collegiate gridgers here at the post would be high impossible right now, since all three major elevens have plenty, with the possibility of still more being added before the first referee's whistle is blown. The Gators, Spirits and Sabers will all operate as members of the Fort Benning Conference and will play each other twice in Doughboy Stadium, all three clubs are rounding out their schedule against outside collegiate and service opposition.

GATORS VS. NAVY
The 124th eleven will meet a pair of powerful Navy elevens on foreign gridirons, travelling to Jacksonville on September 25, and to Miami on November 21 for games with Naval Air Technical Training Center clubs in those cities. In addition, the Gators will play the Daniel and Newberry College's Indians.

Big game of the Sabers campaign will be its October 16th clash with Georgia Tech. Atlanta's Yellow Jackets, heralded as one of the best in the country this fall, will provide a stern test for the 300th gridmen. By Sabers are confident the club can battle the Techmen on even terms.
The Sabers will also meet Daniel Field and have one or two other collegiate games. The 176th, too, will oppose the Daniel Field eleven and has just about clinched a game with the University of Miami. Complete schedules of all three elevens should be available in the very near future.

WAC Lt. Gaines Sent To Adjutant General's School

1st Lt. Gail Gaines, commanding officer of the WAC Detachment, Station Complement, has been ordered to Washington to attend Adjutant General's School and depart for the capital city. Lt. Gaines, who holds the distinction of having been the first WAC officer at Benning to be sworn into the WAC after the change to a component of the Army of the United States, came to Benning with the 43rd WAC Post Headquarters Company last March as its executive officer. She assumed command of the company in June. The 43rd Company was later redesignated as a detachment.

September War Bond Cash Sale At \$100,000 Mark

Rally, Street Dance Netted \$4,800; Private Buys \$5,000 Bonds

Cash war bond purchases for September already exceed \$100,000 at Fort Benning and the post figure for the month including pay reservations, may reach \$150,000. It was disclosed today by Major George Fink, War Bond officer, while discussing prospects of the 3rd War Loan Drive.

In addition to the war bond rally and street dance last week which netted \$4,800 in bond sales, several individuals, officers and enlisted men have made purchases in the four-figure column. Heading this group is Private Otis G. Renner of the quartermaster's office, with a \$5,000 bond order.

Other bond buyers include Major Frederick A. Smith-Peterson, quartermaster's office, \$1,000; and Lieut. Ibbie Jones, WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section 1, \$1,000.

However, the bulk of the amount will be purchased by military organizations and post activities, it is expected. One of these, the First Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, is already a leading investor with the purchase of \$59,025 in bond securities.

Major Fink added that pay reservations contribute approximately \$200,000 monthly toward this national program, and cash purchases at the local post office amount to between \$60,000 and \$100,000. With these figures in mind, it is very likely that Fort Benning will reach the \$500,000 mark for September which would be a post record for a 30-day period.

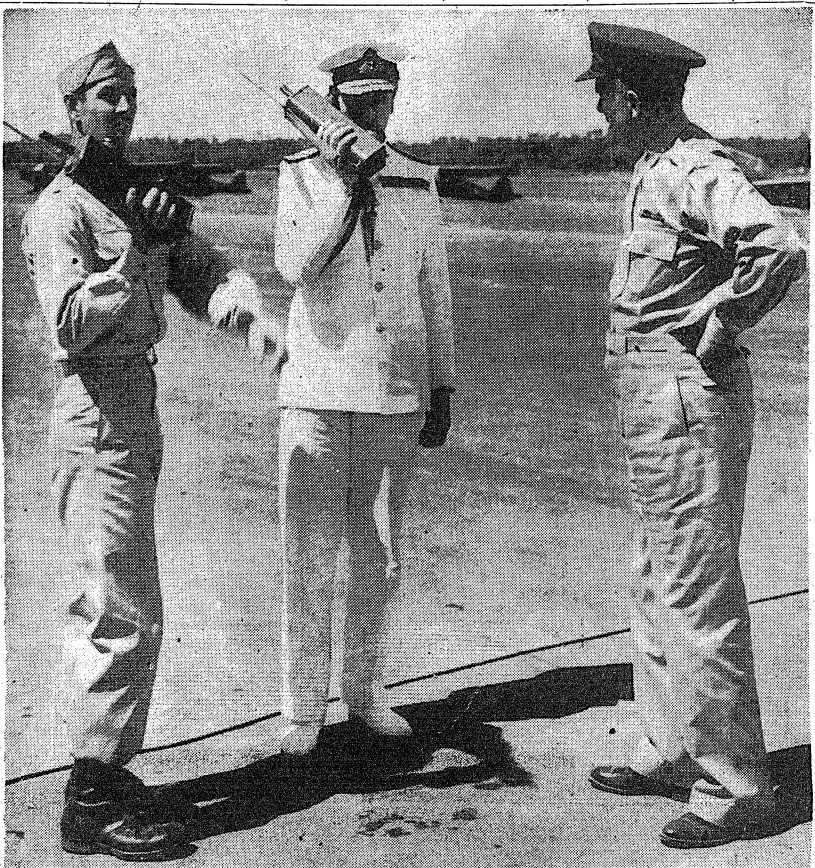
September 11 Last Day to Apply For Ration Book 3

Don't forget to sign and mail in that application for ration book 3 today, Sept. 11. All you military personnel who are on separate rations. That little warning was issued today by Sgt. Louis Lipp, secretary of the Ft. Benning branch of the Muscogee rationing board, as he pointed out that a special dispensation was granted extending the mailing deadline Sept. 11 only. Previously it had been set for Sept. 1.

Those failing to get their applications in before the deadline will have to go to Columbus to make an application before the rationing board officials there, he said.

Brown coupons for meats will go into effect on Sept. 12, he said, while others in the book will go into effect later.

BEHAVE LIKE VETS
The men behaved like veterans even though it was their first time under fire. That proved to be their training program had been thoroughly sound." Col. Ryder served a dual purpose in his operation as liaison officer between the troop carrier wing and the parachute units and also as a parachute officer attached to a regiment which had trained at Fort Benning.



LT. COL. WILLIAM T. RYDER, veteran paratrooper officer who participated in the Sicilian campaign, has arrived at Ft. Benning to assume command of the 542nd Paratrooper Infantry. He is shown above (left) at Benning with Lord Louis Mountbatten, famous Commando leader recently appointed Allied Asiatic chief, and General George C. Marshall, American chief of staff, mentioned the United Nations' choice to lead our forces in the impending invasion of western Europe, while the latter were visiting the post last year. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)

Col. Ryder Back at Post As 542 Paratroops' CO

Veteran Officer Says Yankee Jumpers As Good As They Think

The American paratroopers are just as good in combat as they think they are in every day life and are just as cocky.

That is the way Lt. Col. William T. Ryder who jumped and fought in the Sicilian paratrooper invasion sums up the actions of the men he went into combat with.

Back to Fort Benning as the commanding officer of the newly activated 542nd Paratrooper Infantry, Col. Ryder has nothing but praise for the paratroopers and the equipment they used.

"We used to wonder what these swagmen, their cocky swagger, their polished boots and shiny uniforms would do under fire," the colonel said. "We know now that they're just as good as they think they are. Some of the men jumped and fought even though they were wounded on their way. Some of them found they had jumped in the wrong place, but they showed plenty of initiative and they went up and down the roads raising plenty of hell with the Italians."

During the early days of the paratrooper training program, Col. Ryder personally developed many of the training devices which are still used in the school, one of them bearing his name—"Ryder's Death Ride," a misnomer since it is credited with saving many future possible lives.

Last summer he said goodbye to friends and bobbed up in England where he went as an observer with this country's airborne command. He went through their parachute training program and qualified by British standards. Then returned to this country and airborne command headquarters in Fort Bragg.

From there it was to North Africa where he assisted in the planning and training for the Sicilian operation, and it is this background that he brings to the new 542nd.

He and Mrs. Ryder and their daughter are living now on the main post.

Manpower Expert Making Survey Of Post Personnel

Brigadier General Marshall Magruder, chairman of the Fourth Section of the War Department's Manpower Board, is at Fort Benning for a few days, surveying the utilization of military and civilian personnel at the post.

General Magruder and two members of his board, who are touring military installations in the Fourth Service command are studying the personnel situation in the Station Complement and Reception and Induction Center at Fort Benning.

Due to recent limitations on military and civilian personnel, the Manpower Board is observing local conditions in various sections to aid other commanders in their personnel problems. Accompanying General Magruder are Col. Robert Crosby, Field Artillery, and Lieut. Col. James T. Gannon, Inf., members of the board.

Operatic Singer To Be Heard In Chapel Sunday

Mrs. Ellen Anthony Pott, wife of Lt. Col. Pott, will sing at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Benning Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock (EWT).

Before her marriage Mrs. Pott as Hazel Hayes was widely known in the musical world for her concert and opera singing.

A dramatic soprano, she made her debut at the age of 18 in the title role of "Aida" with the San Francisco Opera Company. She has also sung roles in "Tosca," "Tannhauser," "Lohengrin," "Jewels of the Madonna" and many other operas with leading opera companies. She has also appeared as soloist with the Boston and Philadelphia Symphonies.

Mrs. Pott will sing "The Lord Is My Light" by Allister for the offertory and "Hear O My People" by Stevenson arranged with soprano obbligato, with the chapel choir.

Departing from the usual custom, this week the "pin-up" girls move inside the paper to make room for more important news here. We knew you'd find her anyway, so turn to page 7, please!

Colonel Hite Killed Tuesday In Jump Mishap

Officer Termed Expert Without Peer; Served With Original 501st

Funeral services for Lieut.-Col. James C. Hite, 29, commanding officer of the 515th parachute infantry, who was killed Tuesday in a jumping accident, will be held Friday at 1:30 p. m., EWT, at the Fort Benning main post chapel.

At a graduate of the University of Washington, he was 29 years old; he was survived by his widow and a 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Gay Ellen, who live on the main post.

Active paratrooper will be Col. Hite. The paratrooper training program at Fort Benning, which was then a first lieutenant, was transferred back to Fort Benning in May of this year when the 515th parachute infantry was activated.

He entered the service at Seattle where he was an area director for the National Youth administration.

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Servicemen's Income Tax Law Clarified

The Bayonet publishes below the second of a series of two articles by Lt. Col. P. A. Dickey, Adjutant General of the Infantry School, Benning, Ga. The first article appeared in the August 15 issue. Benning is the headquarters of the Infantry School, and the Adjutant General is in charge of the school's administrative affairs. The second article is a continuation of the first and is published in the Bayonet for the purpose of making the information available to all members of the school.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX 1943 For Members of the Armed Services

20. For the purpose of estimating your 1943 tax the Bureau of Internal Revenue has provided two forms. The first form, known as the "short form," is for use by those who are not required to file a return for 1943. It is very much like the "short form" 1040A used for incomes not over \$3,000, in making your 1943 tax return and involves the use of a tax table. The second form, known as the "long form," is for use by those who are required to file a return for 1943. It is very much like the "long form" 1040 used for incomes over \$3,000, in making your 1943 tax return and involves the use of a tax table. Both forms are self-explanatory and by now a form has probably reached you from your Internal Revenue Collector.

21. Following the data regarding the "Current Tax Payment Act of 1943" published in the August 15 issue of "The Bayonet," you have probably been able to estimate your 1943 Income Tax. You should now compare the amount of the 1942 tax and if the 1942 tax is not greater than the 1943 tax proceed as indicated in paragraph 5. If the 1942 tax is greater than the 1943 tax proceed as indicated in paragraph 6.

The following examples will help you check four figures: 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945.

(1) If your 1942 tax was \$50 or less, the amount of your whole 1943 tax is what you will pay less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$40, 1943 tax \$80. You paid \$10 March, \$10 June, still owe \$20. You pay \$25 September, \$35 December.

(2) If your 1942 tax was between \$50 and \$66.67, the amount you will pay is your 1942 tax plus the difference between \$50 and your 1942 tax, less any payment.

Example: 1942 tax \$60, 1943 tax \$80 plus \$10 (60-50) or \$100. You paid \$15 March, \$15 June, still owe \$60 (90-30). The "plus \$10" does not have to be paid until March 1944 \$5, plus \$10 June, still owe \$20. You will pay \$30 September, \$30 December.

(3) If your 1942 tax was \$66.67 or more, you will pay 1942 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$120, 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus 25 per cent of \$120, or \$30, total \$230. You paid \$30 March, \$30 June, still owe \$170.

(4) If your 1942 tax was \$170 or more, you will pay 1942 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$170, 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus 25 per cent of \$170, or \$42.50, total \$242.50. You paid \$30 March, \$30 June, still owe \$182.50.

(5) If your 1942 tax was \$242.50 or more, you will pay 1942 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$242.50, 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus 25 per cent of \$242.50, or \$60.63, total \$260.63. You paid \$30 March, \$30 June, still owe \$190.63.

(6) If your 1942 tax was \$260.63 or more, you will pay 1942 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$260.63, 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus 25 per cent of \$260.63, or \$65.16, total \$265.16. You paid \$30 March, \$30 June, still owe \$195.16.

(7) If your 1942 tax was \$265.16 or more, you will pay 1942 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$265.16, 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus 25 per cent of \$265.16, or \$66.29, total \$266.29. You paid \$30 March, \$30 June, still owe \$196.29.

(8) If your 1942 tax was \$266.29 or more, you will pay 1942 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less any payments you have made on the 1942 tax.

Example: 1942 tax \$266.29, 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus 25 per cent of \$266.29, or \$66.57, total \$266.57. You paid \$30 March, \$30 June, still owe \$196.57.

owe \$140 (200-60). You pay \$70 September, \$70 December.

23. Where 1942 tax is greater than 1943 tax.

First you will recompute your 1942 tax eliminating your earned income that is over \$3,000. You will eliminate the first \$3,000 of net income regardless of its source. If your net income was more than \$3,000, you eliminate earned net income up to \$14,000. This will leave for recomputation two items:

(1) Earned net income over \$14,000.

(2) All unearned income.

You will compare your estimated 1943 tax with the amount of your recomputed 1942 tax.

(1) If your 1942 recomputed tax is zero and your 1943 tax is zero, you pay nothing but will file a return to protect a refund of amounts paid on 1942 tax. The refund will be due in March 1944 or you can leave it to apply on your estimated 1944 tax.

Example: All your 1942 income was earned (salary less than \$14,000). Your 1943 tax is zero. You have a refund of \$14,000. You pay \$42 less payments (\$15 March, \$15 June, \$30 September, \$35 December).

(2) If your recomputed 1942 tax is zero and your 1943 tax is less than \$50 and more than zero, you will pay the 1943 tax, less payments.

Example: 1942 income was earned (Civilian salary and Service pay total \$14,000). Your 1942 tax \$50, 1943 tax \$42. You recomputed 1942 tax is zero. You pay \$42 less payments (\$15 March, \$15 June, \$30 September, \$35 December).

(3) If your recomputed 1942 tax is zero and your 1943 tax is between \$50 and \$66.67, you will pay your 1943 tax plus the excess of your 1943 tax over \$50, less payments.

Example: 1942 tax \$60 (earned income less \$14,000). 1943 tax \$85. Your 1943 tax liability is \$85 plus \$10 (85-50) or \$95. You paid \$20 March, \$20 June, still owe \$75. You will pay \$30 September, \$30 December.

(4) If your recomputed 1942 tax is zero and your 1943 tax is between \$66.67 and \$100, you will pay your 1943 tax plus the excess of your 1943 tax over \$66.67, less payments.

Example: 1942 tax \$66.67 (earned income less \$14,000). 1943 tax \$100. Your 1943 tax liability is \$100 plus \$33.33 (100-66.67) or \$133.33. You paid \$20 March, \$20 June, still owe \$93.33. You will pay \$30 September, \$30 December.

(5) If your recomputed 1942 tax is zero and your 1943 tax is between \$100 and \$170, you will pay your 1943 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less payments.

Example: 1942 tax \$100 (earned income less \$14,000). 1943 tax \$160. Your 1943 tax liability is \$160 plus \$25 (100-66.67) or \$185. You paid \$20 March, \$20 June, still owe \$145. You will pay \$30 September, \$30 December.

(6) If your recomputed 1942 tax is zero and your 1943 tax is between \$170 and \$242.50, you will pay your 1943 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less payments.

Example: 1942 tax \$170 (earned income less \$14,000). 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus \$32.50 (170-66.67) or \$232.50. You paid \$20 March, \$20 June, still owe \$192.50. You will pay \$30 September, \$30 December.

(7) If your recomputed 1942 tax is zero and your 1943 tax is between \$242.50 and \$260.63, you will pay your 1943 tax plus 25 per cent of 1942 tax (but the 25 per cent can be paid 1-2 March 1944 and 1-2 March 1945 if you wish), less payments.

Example: 1942 tax \$242.50 (earned income less \$14,000). 1943 tax \$200. Your 1943 tax liability is \$200 plus \$32.50 (242.50-66.67) or \$232.50. You paid \$20 March, \$20 June, still owe \$192.50. You will pay \$30 September, \$30 December.

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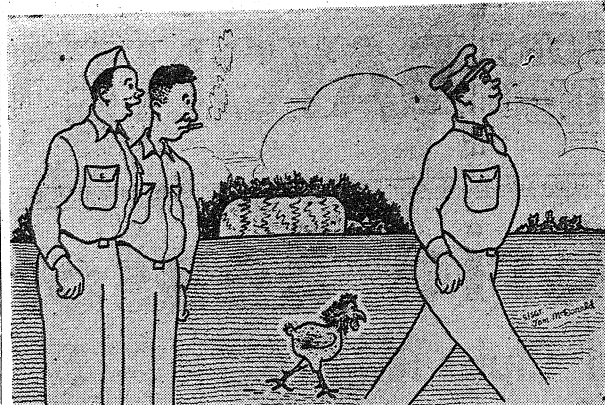
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IT'S CAPTAIN HALL'S NEW SCORING METHOD. HE JUST PLUCKS A FEATHER FOR EVERY ZERO HE SHOOTS DOWN.

26 Luckies Get Commendations

Desert Maneuvers Work Rewarded by Silvester

For meritorious service rendered during recent desert training and the move to Fort Benning, 26 members of the 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion were commended by Maj. Gen. Silvester.

The commendations were given at a ceremony Saturday morning in front of division headquarters.

Music furnished by the 40th Armored Regiment band and a brief speech by the commanding general completed the program.

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33rd Engineers Erect Pavilion For 7th Armored

After blazing trails and roads through some of America's wildest wastelands, the 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion of the 7th Armored Division at Fort Benning found the task of erecting a new outdoor dance pavilion for the division service club relatively easy.

The removal of an old wooden platform was necessary before the engineers could begin building the new pavilion which was completed in time for a gala United Nations Ball held Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Work was started August 12 under the supervision of Maj. Francis B. Eberhardt, assistant division engineer. Warrant Officer Magnus S. Mindrebo, Sergeant W. W. Smith and Miles Cortwright plus a detail of 12 men from all the engineer companies built a concrete floor 100 feet by 45 feet.

The new smooth-finish dance floor has a protective covering of wax and may be used for roller skating, basketball, and outdoor concerts. After each use the floor is resin-coated and washed down to save it from abuse.

A War Bond rally highlighted the regular monthly party of the Medical Detachment, Section 1, and before the cash register stopped ringing \$2,000 worth of death to the Axis had been tucked away.

The rally marked the beginning of the Medical Detachment's participation in the Third War Loan Drive. Master Sergeant W. C. Thompson was master of ceremonies, and music was furnished by Sgt. Natale Pintello, his accordion and his orchestra.

Technical Sergeant Seth Taylor, former professional referee, was the third man in the ring during boxing and wrestling matches between Station Hospital No. 1 and Station Hospital No. 2. Master Sergeant W. C. Culliver was in charge of refreshments during the evening's entertainment.

Men of the Medical Detachment were urged to make this War Bond drive the best in the history of the detachment by Major J. B. Joyner, commanding.

William A. Sackel, Jr., six foot, ten inch private managed to get into the army despite his four inch excess of height. On attempting to transfer to the armor artillery, however, he was re-examined and discharged.

Never take it for granted that a weapon is not loaded; inspect it yourself.

Some day we will all be "pushing up daisies." What are you pushing up meanwhile?

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Cavalrymen Take TIS Basic Course The Infantry School at Fort Benning, in a class by itself as a school for the development of officers, is also a class by itself as the melting pot of the armed forces of this and other nations. Officers from numerous parts of the United States have been or are in attendance at its classes, some as observers and some as students.

If remained for the ASTP Basic Training Center to uncover a whole company of cavalrymen now engaged in Infantry training. The training was set to the Infantry and Cavalry ROTC Officer Candidates' Pool and their status calls for 13 weeks of rifle company drill. All are members of the 8th Company, Fifth Basic Regiment.

Their basic training includes 12

Officer Fires Expert Seventh Straight Time

1. James J. Dwyer of the 3rd company, Basic Training Regiment, "fired expert" for the seventh consecutive time during range firing by the 1st battalion of his regiment last week. He scored 160 out of a possible 210. His first expert shooting occurred at Schofield Barracks in 1934.

High score for the regiment was made by Cpl. John J. Anato, also of the 3rd company who racked up 196 hits.

7th Armored In Radio Debut

With the ruffle of drums and the wall of sirens the Seventh Armored Division made its air debut to Columbus and vicinity last week in a half hour radio show over WBRL and WGPC from the broadcast Club No. 2 in the Sand Hill area.

Highlighting the broadcast was an official welcome to Fort Benning from Post Commander Brig. Gen. Fulton, given by Col. John P. Edgerley, executive officer, and the reply by the "Lucky 7th's" own commander, Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester.

Gen. Silvester thanked both the populace of Columbus and Post authorities for their aid and cooperation in making the "7th" feel at home. He particularly expressed his thanks to the railroad for their "all-out" cooperation with the Army in moving men and material. He also noted appreciation of the work of Mrs. Winifred Baker and Miss Clark, Service club hostess and librarian respectively.

Under the direction of Staff Sergeant Charles Pasquale, the 31st Armored Regiment band provided a melodic background for the broadcast. Staff Sergeant Carl Neun and Sergeant Bill Cope announced the program.

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At Camp Lejeune, N. C., a marine band of female personnel has been formed, thereby releasing men for combat duty.

Truck Regiment Men Awarded Decorations

Formal presentations of Good Conduct, Excellent Driver, and Excellent Mechanic Awards have been made to over 150 men of the Truck Regiment, Infantry School. The impressive ceremony, first regimental formation for this organization, was held at Edwards Field adjoining the regiment's Third Battalion area, and many visitors were on hand to witness the proceedings.

With the forming of the group of men selected to receive these awards, Captain George S. Williamson, Regimental Adjutant, read the orders to the persons assembled in formation who represented every unit within this one of the army's largest Truck Regiments, and included Commanding Officers and staffs of each of the regiment's four battalions.

Lt. Colonel Edward G. Herlihy, the regimental Executive Officer, read the names of those persons who were the recipients of the awards and at the conclusion of this announcement, Colonel Vida, accompanied by Lt. Col. Herlihy, Captain Williamson, Captain Codal, Regimental Claims Officer, Lt. Everett Bell, Regimental Supply Officer, Lt. Floyd M. Fuss, Regimental Motor Officer, and Regimental Warrant Officer, George Goldsmith, passed through the ranks of honoree congratulating the men and pinning the awards on their breasts.

Finishing the ceremony with a short talk, the colonel congratulated the men on the efficiency and faithfulness to duty evidenced by them, saying: "We're proud to have men like you in this organization and the best tribute we can pay you is to say that you are good soldiers and we are looking forward to your leading the way for others to carry on in your steps."

With these words and the pinning on of the awards, official recognition was given those men who had by their conduct merited the Good Conduct Medal, and to those other persons who, by driving with an accident free record for three months or more and passing all tests relative to their duties with satisfactory marks, were eligible for Driver Awards. The last group consisted of those persons who have deserved recognition due to their superior ability as well-trained mechanics and, though fewer in number, gave promise of greater numbers to follow in one of the most important jobs in an outfit of this type.

Former Enlisted Man Captain

Announcement has been made of the promotion of Walter Frank Gleason from the rank of first lieutenant to captain.

Capt. Gleason, a member of the Adjutant General's Office, Academic Department of The Infantry School served as an enlisted man for over 17 years, during which time he served three years in China and three years in Alaska. Selected to attend officer candidate school, he reported to Fort Benning on May 10, 1942. On May 15, 1942 he was appointed warrant officer (1st Lt.) He received his commission on August 5, 1942, and was assigned to the Academic Department. On October 5, 1942, he was promoted to first lieutenant.

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At Camp Lejeune, N.



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"One cannot rise to be, in many ways, the leading community in a civilized world without being convulsed by its agonies and inspired by its causes."

—Winston Churchill

We As a Nation Must Regain Shooting Eye

A worthy contribution to the United States at war has been made by a New Haven (Conn.) arms maker in the form of an advertisement in the current issue of Life magazine.

It is an appeal, coming from O. F. Mossberg and Sons, Inc., that all civilians who own .22 calibre rifles share them with their neighbors and teach them how to use the weapon. The nationwide training program is sponsored by the National Rifle Association, Washington, D. C.

Intended to train the maximum of citizens in this country in the use of small arms, the rifle training program is invaluable to civilian defense units, state guards, war plant guards and watchmen, and prospective servicemen.

We feel it is especially necessary that men coming into the service have at least rudimentary knowledge of the weapons they will be called upon to fight with. TODAY LESS THAN TWO PER CENT OF THE INDUSTRY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RIFLED ARMS, the advertisement states.

Ammunition for the rifle training program is made available by proper government departments through the National Rifle Association. In a war which sees every trooper in a theater of operations armed, it is essential that every man be thoroughly familiar with his piece.

To expect that an inductee who comes into service entirely ignorant of firearms to be a crackshot and a competent armorer after a few short months of training is a huge order. However, it can and is being done.

But imagine how much easier the task becomes when the services induct a man who already has fired, cleaned or made some repairs on a gun.

America has had hundreds of rifle experts who have been immortalized in history. Daniel Boone and Sgt. Alvin York of the last war are two outstanding names which come to mind at once. Although planes, tanks and the old stand-by artillery are capturing most of the big headlines these days, remember this: many a Yank has been in a precarious corner in this war with nothing between him and the enemy but HIS rifle.

Lessons We've Learned Since Pearl Harbor

1. Our enemies—Japs and Fascists—are not supermen. They are damned good offensive fighters but like all men who are taught to die for their country, they aren't as strong as democratic men who are taught to die for their country. They aren't as strong as democratic men who have something to live for.
2. The Italian is just as ready to fight as the German.
3. Our equipment is the world's sweetest.
4. Our training is good, and most guys in combat with them'd pay more attention to it.
5. You can't win without air support, but air power is indecisive without infantry and artillery. There is no substitute for artillery preparation and infantry occupation.
6. Lone Ranger tactics in fighter planes are magazine stuff; planes fight most effectively in squadrons, not solo.
7. Water is always scarce; a fighting man must condition his body to shoot less water.
8. It is a fatal error to shoot unless you have something to shoot at and destroy; you just give away your position.
9. Our soldiers work best when they know not just what to do but why they are doing it.
10. The best way to help a wounded man is not to stop and give him first aid but to press forward and cover the medics, who are equipped to give expert help.
11. The proper way to move forward is still either bent over or crawling. The man who runs standing up is a dead duck.
12. Tank destroyers should be used like artillery, not like tanks.
13. Jap and German units don't function too well after their officers have been liquidated.
14. K and D rations are better than Spam, and there is no substitute for the sugar ration.

Lawson Tail-Skid

Soldier Scores Pay Day Drinking Habit

Habits are characteristic means of behavior. This foregoing statement simply means, the little things you do or say, the result of your thinking, whether favorable or unfavorable, are merely the repetition of things said or done. These things have heretofore been practised so often proportionately that they definitely become part of one's character. (Keep in mind your character is what you really are, not what others may think of you, which is ninety-nine times out of every hundred based on prejudices of some kind.)

Habits may be natural or acquired. Natural habits are those which we possess without any or very little effort on our parts. They are the habits provided us by Mother Nature, chiefly as protection. A concrete example is the winking of the eyelid when the eye is seemingly in danger. Natural habits are really inseparable parts of our physical beings. (Mind you, I am not going so far as to say, they are inherited for that is no matter on which authorities throw little or no light.) The other habits are those which you, through acquired. They are the ones which you, through some effort on your part whose stimulus might

have been one in a million causes, have come in possession of.

With at least fundamental knowledge of "habits" we have the working basis for thought on the subject. With sufficient knowledge of the subject which embraces cause, what can stop us from getting the desired effect? I am simply implying you may break or make habits at will.

Consider, for instance, two common habits affecting us as soldiers today. One, the well known habit of going to town every day and taking alcoholic beverages excessively in an attempt to evade reality and the other willfully abusing, without cause, those with whom we come in contact with in our daily routine. Let us take all this apart and see what's what. In the first case one indulges in drinking himself shamelessly drunk, the first day of every month or whatever the time may be, and doing so repeatedly makes it seem to him something he cannot do without. That is the perfect example of continuous doing. If this person would refrain from taking the quantity of liquor that causes him to lose his sense of responsibility, the results would be quite different.

In the other case he has made it his business, through some narrow thought of his own, that he has the right to be insulting and abusive. Whether or not this thought comes about conscientiously or otherwise the result is sure, "practice makes perfect." The soldier who conforms to this line of thought and makes being insulting and abusive a habit will have to suffer and pay in some way for his actions. Here again, as in all cases, anything one does repeatedly becomes a part of the subconscious and becomes a habit.

Again, in conclusion, let me repeat that all habits excluding the natural ones can be brought under our control. Stop for a moment before you take that extra glass of whiskey, that small bit that is going to throw you to the sidewalk. Stop and consider that which you are about to say or do to which you have not given sufficient thought grounded on sound reason. Promise yourself today that you will check up on yourself in an attempt to correct all undesired habits and further make sure you acquire habits of sound judgment.

There is no hard and fast line between yesterday, today and tomorrow. It takes more courage and will power to act in accordance with your own judgment, than to be guided by the opinion of others.

—Pvt. Leopold Fox, Hdqs. Det., 2nd Truck Regt.

"MY MUM"

One who's done so much for me,
For her I nightly pray.
To give me strength eternally,
Love's all, I can repay.

She tended me, when fever 'rose,
And kissed my finger cut.
Nothing large or ever small,
A mother's heart can't touch.

She suffered untold agony,
When I had aches or pains.
And smiling through sleepless nights,
Her angelic voice explained.

So I can keep expressing
My love unendingly;
Please God look over Mother,
Like she has over me.

The Happy Little Redhead
Hq. Co., 1st S. T. Co.

Good post-war plans won't come from people reading pre-war lives.

We can't help the past. But we don't have to repeat it.

It's because we've cut so many corners that we've got things out of shape. The cure? Go straight. Keep on the square.

There are: patriotic Americans—out for their country; selfish Americans—out for themselves; scheming Americans—out for control; and apathetic Americans—out of the picture.

If we rest on our laurels we may soon be resting under them.

Intellectuals, these days, are trying to think us into right living. But they've got it the wrong way around. We will have to live ourselves into right thinking.

People, like boats, too loudst when they're in a fog.

There is close relationship between hard work, a light heart and a clear head.

They say "you can't change human nature." That's the grandfather of all fallacies—the standby of standpatters—the alibi of backsliders—the foundation stone of the "isms."

They say you should "pocket your pride." Nonsense—throw the whole darn thing away.

Flaming youth is only what you would expect from cold parents.

Beware of Scarecrow Diplomacy



USO Presents—

NEW BAND SCHEDULE, O. C. DANCE, ARTIST AUDITION S, AND FORUM SPEAKER

By arrangement with Special Service officers in various units at Fort Benning the Ninth Street USO has set its schedule of bands for the Thursday and Saturday night dances for the month of September. The schedule follows: 176th Infantry, tonight; 124th Infantry, Saturday; 40th Armored Regiment, Thursday, Sept. 16; Lawson Field, Saturday, Sept. 18; 300th Infantry, Thursday, Sept. 23; Lawson Field, Saturday, Sept. 25, and the 31st Armored Regiment, Thursday, Sept. 30.

An O. C. Dance will be held Friday in the Army-Navy YMCA-USO at 8:45 p. m. for men of the 4th Co., 3rd Student Training Regiment. The band of the 1st Armored Regiment will play for the occasion, and a group of Shorter College Club girls will be present. The affair was arranged by Mrs. George Burris, volunteer worker at

the club and prominent Columbus woman.

Auditions for artists to appear on a USO Army Artist Hour tentatively scheduled to begin the latter part of September are now being held at Ninth Street USO. When arrangements are completed the feature will be on Sunday at 5 p. m. (EWT) and will be comprised of military personnel or their wives who are desirous of continuing activities in voice, instrument or drama. Singers, instrumentalists or actors are asked to contact either of the Ninth Street USO directors to engage audition time.

Miss Emily Woodward, director of the Georgia Public Forum, will be guest speaker at the regular Town Hall program at Ninth Street USO Sunday at 3 p. m. (EWT). Her topic will be "Why a Town Hall?"

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

LT. JERICHO GETS INTO HOT WATER INVENTING ORDER FOR FOXHOWL

By S-SGT. TOM McDONALD Monday at our headquarters is usually a visiting day among the officers and men attached here for duty. These little courtesy calls are sometimes in "line of duty" and sometimes social depending mostly upon what one was last doing the previous Saturday.

In Colonel T. P. Swampwater's case he usually made a social call on Monday morning provided he had finished his Saturday's assignment and a "line of duty" call if he hadn't finished it. This was due to the fact that if he hadn't finished it, he always had to call on the officer working with him on the assignment so that he could remind him what the assignment was about, so he could recall just where he left off with it.

But on the other hand Colonel Swampwater's assignments were usually of such a nature that he could finish them early or else turn them over to Private Sawgrass or myself to clean up their loose ends. Thus this left him free for Monday morning social calls or to accept calls from his fellow officers.

To begin with, he started last Monday morning off by paying General Quagmire a "social call" to discuss the previous "peanut brittle" party. (If the call had been a "line of duty" call, it was the Colonel's policy to call on a subordinate officer so as to give no occasion for the use of harsh words from higher ranks detrimental to his morale.)

On getting back to his office, he immediately summoned me and inquired if any officer had been in to pay a call on him while he was out.

"Yes, Sir," I replied, "Lt. Jericho dropped by on a social call to tell you that he had heard a rumor that Major Foxhowl was leaving."

"Indeed," mused the ol' boy. "No doubt he is going overseas for combat duty. I had to see Foxhowl go. He owes me 30 cents from last July. I'll miss him extremely."

"Yes, Sir," I answered.

"Sergeant, go tell Captain Mar-

shen to report to me. I want to tell him the news."

"Yes, Sir," I replied, at the same time departing hastily to summon Captain Marshen to the Colonel's lair.

After the captain arrived and went in to report, there was an interval of peace and quiet and then he came out of ol' T. P.'s office and stopped by my desk.

"Sergeant," he says, "Is it true that Major Foxhowl is being ordered overseas to join the commandos with secret orders to be dropped in Germany by parachute to harass their communications?"

"I just heard he was leaving, Sir," I said.

Without further ado the captain dashed hastily out and a few minutes later in came Lt. Skylock with a very serious frown on his noodle.

"Sergeant," he says, "Lt. Dooling just informed me that Captain Marshen told him that Lt. Jericho told Colonel Swampwater that Major Foxhowl was leaving immediately for India to assist Lord Mountbatten in setting up an American ranger regiment to train Chinese commandos to fight the Japs."

"You'll have to ask the Colonel, Sir," I said, "I don't know any of the details."

"Nevermind, Sergeant," I've simply got to rush out and tell the news to Captain Hilllocks. He'll be tickled to death."

By now I was becoming extremely curious concerning Major Foxhowl. So it was no surprise to me when in barged Lt. Jericho, Captain Marshen, Captain Hilllocks, Lt. Dooling and Lt. Skylock to call on Colonel Swampwater for further news.

"As I said before, Gentlemen, I shall have to see Foxhowl leave. He is an officer and a gentleman even if he can't play poker. Suppose I call him to come by the office so we can arrange a farewell party for him."

"Excellent idea," replied the colonel's visitors as the ol' boy wrapped himself around the telephone and dialed for the major.

After a short conversation, the



BROKEN MELODIES OF LIFE

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

Life is a series of broken melodies. The laughter in the baby's eyes soon turns to tears. Some never even laugh. The song of youth is filled with discords. The finest friendships are severed. Every home has its seasons of heartache, despair. The most favored of God will at last lie still under the words of the preacher.

"The silver cord is loosed, The golden bowl is broken... And man goes to his long home."

This is a tragic picture, make no mistake. The mistake comes in thinking it is the whole picture. We overlook the time element.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard" everything. The clash of cymbal, crash of organ and the doleful beat of drum are often meaningless, disturbing. But in agreement with other instruments the unrelated notes become a part of a glorious piece of music.

So with our days on the earth, they abound with strange happenings, jarring sounds, no harmony. But time, the great adjuster, interpreter, will record an unbroken, a perfect melody. And the

"Sweetest melodies are those that are by distance made more sweet."

Colonel turned and added that "Foxhowl would be right up."

A few minutes later, in he came and Colonel Swampwater shook hands with him and Lt. Skylock, Capt. Hilllocks, Capt. Marshen, Lt. Dooling, and Lt. Jericho followed suit in that order.

"When are you leaving, Foxhowl?" questioned ol' T. P. as everyone else listened attentively. "I'm not going anywhere, Sir," replied Foxhowl.

"What?" Roared ol' T. P. "You aren't going anywhere. Did the War Dept. change your orders?"

"I never had any," replied the major.

"What about that, Skylock?" said Capt. Hilllocks.

"Dooling told me," replied Skylock.

"Capt. Marshen, didn't you say that Foxhowl was leaving," asked Dooling.

"No," defended Marshen, "the colonel here told me."

"Sergeant!" yelled Colonel Swampwater. "Where is Lt. Jericho, he was here just a minute ago?"

"Follow me, Sir," I replied walking briskly over to the northside filing cabinet and pointing to the dark backside where only a pair of big eyes could be seen.

"Jericho!" thundered ol' T. P. "before you come out from behind that cabinet tell me who told you that Major Foxhowl was leaving?"

"Mrs. Quagmire mentioned it, Sir, at the last peanut brittle party the general gave. She said, 'The way the war is going now many of you fine officers will be going overseas and I simply won't have enough guests for our "nut brittle" parties," replied Jericho.

"But what's that got to do with Major Foxhowl?" glared Colonel Swampwater.

"I just figured he would be one of those leaving, Sir," said Lt. Jericho from behind the cabinet.

Kay's Husband Says—

MAGAZINE ARTICLE TREATING HUBBY SHORTAGE MAKES HIM SHUDDER

As if I don't have enough troubles with Kay away I have to go and sit down for a quiet evening of reading, more or less so I can say I did that while she was gone and be honest about it, only to get upset by a condensed version in Reader's Digest of an article by Amram Scheinfeld called "The Husband Shortage," originally published in Collier's.

For instance it says "males are inherently weaker in resistance to disease and death." That's not bad. For all of me they could have put a period after the word resistance. The article is full of little things that are troublesome to my ease of mind. The writer says that because of a shortage of men in Europe girls have had to tolerate the double standard which works in man's favor. I dislike writers who make such sweeping statements, because if I had that person here right now we could make that so for a whole night's argument.

What really has me worried, though, is the suggestion that our present and future shortage of men might actually bring about polygamy in this country. (It's not likely to come about, I gather for some time, so Kay will be back in time to put in her objection.) Everyone has probably heard the old wheeze that a synonym for monogamy is monotony, but to anyone what at first blush thinks that polygamy might offer certain advantages I advise caution. My sleep is going to be disturbed just thinking about it. The fact is that 17 out of 100 men right now for one reason or another choose to remain bachelors. It's no use counting on those 17 guys even under polygamy, so just think what a strain that puts on the 83 of us left who choose marriage as a way of life.

With one wife there is al-

ways a chance that she will go away on a trip and for a brief period of time a man can renew his touch with bachelorhood, or there is always a chance that a man can persuade one wife that he needs to get away from it all. But what chance would he have trying to get away with anything like that were there two, or worse yet, three or more?

And a man might spend years convincing one woman that there is nothing wrong with coming home late for dinner or in bringing home two or three guests unexpectedly that he had just met at Joe's Place. But to have to spend all that energy in several homes would just wear out a man's nerves.

Just think what happens when a man questions his wife's judgment about how she is bringing up junior. What in heaven's name would happen if he were to begin making snappy comments to one wife about how much better the other one handles a similar situation?

The threat is real, according to this article, and will happen unless the clergy, lawmakers, social scientists of all kinds and women bestir themselves. I'm going to get busy writing those that I know, and Kay better get back here and get to work too.

There was one ray of hope for me personally. Before the war there were six per cent more men than women in the West and I have a nice little brick house in Denver, but this writer comes along and suggests that women, not men, go West. That's why I say, why do writers like that have to come along at a time like this when I have enough to worry about already?

This Khaki'd World

By Pvt. G. I. GRIFE The G. I. laundry's a wonderful thing—To it we sing, to it we sing.

When a man's laundry comes off their lines Size 12 socks have been changed for nines.

And often it makes us feel quite rotten To see linen hankies exchanged for cotton.

And it does little good to stew or fret When another guy's drawers we sometimes get.

But what we never can figure at all, Is why the things are always too small?

Such things, of course, are minor contentions, For the laundry has the best of intentions.

But here's the thing that's got me beat—Now how in the heck are we gonna keep neat

When a very specific order comes out (And an order's an order, don't ever doubt)

That limits the number of clothes per week That we can send who cleanliness seek?

The G. I. laundry's a wonderful thing—To it we sing, to it we sing.

That's a right salty little tike selling papers around the Patio Grill these nights. He asked Sgt. McAlley of 1SD to buy one the other night and when Mac pulled the usual line about "I can't read," the kid cracked: "Well, you got a face like a goat, you can nibble at it then."

Mac bought, and read, not nibbled. A couple nights later another of the urchins wanted to be allowed to sing with one of the bands that comes in to the P. G. each Tuesday and Thursday night. How a white kid ever could get such

Have you heard the new wolf song: COMING IN WITH A WINK AND A HOPE.

Sgt. Carl Neu running around these days shaking his head skeptically and cynically. He figures nobody is going to be listening to WDAK, new radio station in Columbus, broadcasting Benning events of the day at 7:30 a. m. EWT.

Aw, cheer up, Sgt. Neu, there are a few ill-mannered bores around this post who are nasty enough to say they'll listen to anything you don't broadcast. The meanies.

WAR BONDS

CAPT. AL. MARSH

50 Ex-TIS Instructors Make Excellent Students In Course

Former Pedagogues Know Teaching's Tough And Give Prof A Break

Any class of students which includes a large proportion of former teachers might be expected to look upon the efforts of their instructors with a somewhat jaundiced eye.

That is not true so far as the Officers Advanced Class in the 18th Co., 1st S. T. R. No. 22 is concerned, according to its tactical officers. Far from displaying boredom or a critical attitude, this group, which includes about fifty former officers of The Infantry School, has been making a reputation for itself for its spirit of enthusiasm, co-operative attitudes and friendliness toward the man on the platform.

But Captain William E. Huxford, tactical company commander, has his fingers crossed. "They are still only in their sixth week," he points out. "And I'm afraid if they hear they are one of the best behaved classes we've ever seen here, I guess everybody knows that the advanced course, especially those taking the advanced course, are inclined to be a bit blue. That was especially true with the material taught as a bit too fundamental."

INTEREST KEEN

"We could argue with them about that fundamental part, but at any rate, the Advanced Class in the 18th Co. has been showing keen interest in the instruction all along the line. That is due to some extent, I believe, to the fact that so many former instructors are in the class. They are of course in the difficulties under which the instructor and demonstration troops operate, and their attitude is to 'give the guy a break'."

Of the fifty former school officers in the class, fifteen were instructors in the Academic Department of the School, 33 were in the Student Training Brigade, ISSC, and six came from the 124th Infantry, a school troops regiment.

"But the rank picture has changed too," the youthful skipper says. "Instead of a high saturation of field officers, this class has a big majority of company grade officers. They apparently feel that they have something to learn. There are 108 captains and 54 first lieutenants, against 27 majors, three lieutenant colonels and one full colonel."

NEW FACES SEEN

Captain Huxford thinks a third factor may account for the attitude of the class. About five per cent of the total registration have never been at The Infantry School before, and therefore do not have any reason to complain that a lot of the instruction is repetition. This figure includes fifteen officers of the Chemical Warfare Service and a half dozen from the Airborne Infantry.

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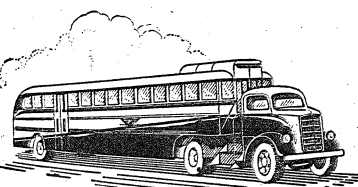
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Ex-Private Is Back With 7th As Lieutenant

Once in a while the flood tides of life yield a break, and now Lt. P. J. Glazer, assigned to the 489th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, believes he has had one. Anyway he came back, after officer's training to the 7th Armored Division where he received his basic training.

When Pvt. Glazer was attached to the 40th Armored Regiment there he applied to the examining board for admittance to an Officer's training school. He answered the routine questions, gave the required answers, he preferred to return to the 7th Armored Division and to the Field Artillery. It was while on duty that Pvt. Glazer had a telegram stating that he had been accepted by Officer's Candidate School. He was enrolled at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1942, Lt. Glazer received the congratulations of Maj. Gen. Lindsay McD. Silvestre, Commanding Officer, and took his place as an officer with Battery C of the 489th Armored Field Artillery.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Glazer, Sr., 288 Faxon Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

46 States Adopt Maternity Aid Plan For Soldiers' Wives

With receipt of Pennsylvania's acceptance, 46 states of the union have signified willingness to cooperate with the federal government in its plan to provide maternity aid for wives of service men, according to a United Press dispatch. The essential points of the Government's plan is published herewith for the information and guidance of troops stationed at Fort Benning.

Under the program, the wife of any serviceman in the four lowest grades—those earning up to \$78 a month—can obtain free pre-natal, maternity and post-natal care. She is free to choose her physician. The federal government will pay doctors a fixed fee, ranging from \$35 to \$50, and hospitals the actual cost of patient care. The state must pay all administrative costs.

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Benning Major Saves Child From Whirlpool

The story of how a major at Fort Benning dove fully clad into a treacherous whirlpool in the Upatoi creek to save the life of a three and a half year old boy came to light today—but not from the modest major.

His Major William W. Choppin, commanding officer of the 53rd Sub Depot at Lawson Field, and the rescued lad is Roger Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Dodds, Baker Village. Mr. Dodds is foreman in the sheet metal department at Lawson Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodds and another couple and their children were visiting at the Choppin home which is on Upatoi creek near Elbeek when they heard the child screaming. Rushing down the steep bank, they found that little Roger Lee had been swept down by an illness of the child, run to the bank by a different route and was just in time to see the lad bobbing about in a whirlpool. He dived in and pulled the boy to shore.

None the worse for his experience, the boy, who is a young one, said, "It was fun but the water got in my eyes."

Veteran Sergeant, World War I Hero, Dies at Benning

Master Sgt. William Stratton, U. S. Army, retired, died at Station Hospital, Fort Benning, Monday, January 12, 1942, after only three days, although he had been in declining health for the past two years.

Sergeant Stratton resided with his wife, Mrs. Louis Stratton, on Forrest road, where they had made their home for the past 18 years. He was 61 years old, and lived until the age of 12, when he lived with his parents for American soldiers.

They made their home in Washington, D. C. Sergeant Stratton was with the Sixth engineers when that organization was attached to the Fifth British army in March, 1918, and served with honor and courage as is testified to by a citation for bravery and the receipt of the Purple Heart medal.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Winston Stratton, of Washington, D. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Will Waldecker, of Washington, D. C.; two sons, Mrs. W. W. Malboeuf, New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. Rose Vidou, West Haven, Conn.

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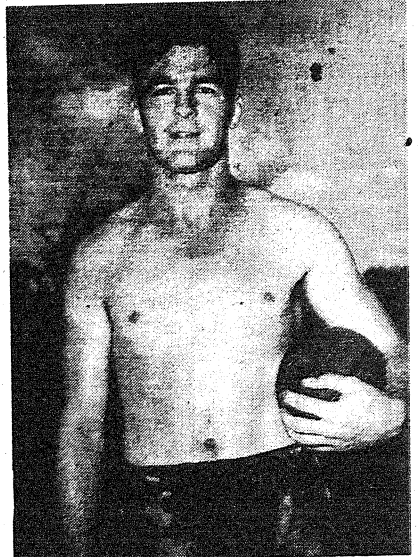
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Title Swim Meet Slated For Russ Pool



ALL-AMERICAN George Poschner, famous Georgia Bulldog end on last year's Rose Bowl eleven, is shown above just after he finished his first practice session with the 176th Spirits on Tuesday afternoon in the stadium. Tired and sweaty, he grinned at the prospects of playing against some of his old mates this fall. Lamar Davis and Jim Todd, teammates of Poschner's last fall with the Bulldogs, will play for the 124th Gators this season. (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Mel Stock.)

Spirit Gridmen Rounding Into Shape Slowly

Squad Still Green, But Spirited Says Coach Lee Pollock

"We're getting shaped up as time goes by. The squad we have now is a little green, but the spirit is here and that's what counts." So spoke Coach Lee D. Pollock as he looked over his 176th gridmen as they worked out in Doughboy Stadium the other morning.

Assisting Pollock are Lts. Joe Thomas, Harry Hales, and Eddie Hipp, all experienced hands. With two daily workouts (the 75-man squad is rounding into shape. Of course, it is much up early to select a starting eleven, but the mentors are lining up a nucleus around which to build the grid machine.

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At the ends, Connie Adams and Hales are holding forth with such tactics as Frank Heide, Bill Burns, Art Preston, and Hipp at their side. Promising guards include John Shea, Aubrey Gibson, George White, Lee Gator, Chet Smith, and Jim Bailey. Likely pivots are Izzy Valerini and Bill Brantly.

SEVERAL COLLEGIANS

Among the Spirit gridmen several have had considerable college experience. Head Coach Pollock was captain of Pennsylvania Military College's 1936 edition, while Thomas was holding down a backfield post for Dayton University. Hales and Hipp attended Southern institutions, the former at the University of North Carolina and Hipp at Davidson College.

Another Carolina product is Burns from little Presbyterian College, alma mater of Bobby Riggs of tennis fame. Rzonice performed four years for Indiana U. while Gator attended Drexel in Philadelphia for a like period. Another four year college player now in Spirit folds is Valerini, late of Upsala College in New Jersey.

Ev Balser wore the colors of Akron University for three seasons and Mathre ran at St. Cloud Teachers College for two campaigns. John Ryan and Phil Everling have both seen action as freshmen at University of Virginia and Missouri, respectively.

At this point the schedule is incomplete, but Captain James Brown is siding Pollock in arranging addition contacts.

At Keesler Field, Miss., a 9-hole miniature golf course has been opened next door to the bowling alleys. So spacious is the course that 36 men may play pee-wee golf at the same time.

Sabers Punch Way to Victory Over Spirits

By SGT. FORREST KYLE

Gaining decisions in four of the six bouts, the 300th Infantry Sabers beat out on 6-1 decision over the 176th Spirits last Friday night at Doughboy stadium in the opening intra-regimental boxing match of the new season. Two other bouts involving light-heavy and heavyweights were scheduled but a regulation preventing competition between officers and enlisted men forced the cancellation of the final two fights on the day of the bouts.

GARCIA WINS
The 300th led all the way, although the Spirits had a chance to tie up the score in the final scrap of the evening. Rudy Garcia, 300th, however, out-punched Hugh Miller of the Spirits all the way in the middleweight division to assure the Sabers' victory.

There were no knockouts in the six bouts.
The closest tussle of the evening pitted the 300th's pride, Rudy Garcia, against the Spirits' Fred Franco, in the bantamweight class. Both boxers have many amateur championships to their credit, and Garcia further enhanced his reputation by fighting Franco to get the judges' nod.

CLOSE SCRAP

Virgil Flowers, 300th flyweight, had too good a left hand for Billy Seitz of the Spirits and, thanks to points accumulated in the third round, gained the decision in the opening bout of the program.
Joe Garcia, Sabers' further target in the three rounds of the Spirits' Godfrey Ely and boxed his way to victory. Aguirre brought the 176th into the victory column in the third bout but Dan Davis, Sabers' light-heavyweight, made the score 6-2 for the Sabers when he was disqualified for backhand blows. Davis was well out in front on points when Thompson disqualified himself.

MILLER ON TOP

Lloyd Miller put the Spirits back in the running with a decision over R. C. Smith of the 300th in the welterweight class. Miller had too much height advantage and reach for the subby Sabers' fighter. Miller's triumph came with a clear cut decision over Miller in the final bout on the card.

Scholastic Track Ace Seeks Bars

One of the South's finest high school track athletes has found his way to the 21st Company of the 3rd STR. He is candidate Joe P. Burley of Haynesville, Louisiana.
Starting on his track career at Sumnerfield High School in 1934, Burley tried everything the track team had to offer, finally settling down to concentrate on the mile. In 1938 he ran the mile in four minutes, 30 seconds which set a new scholastic record for Louisiana and has not been equaled to date. He was also anchor man in the record breaking mile relay team. Quick to recognize his ability, Louisiana State University offered him a four-year scholarship but he was unable to accept it.

Shortly afterward, Burley went into the army and served in Nome, Alaska, before coming to OCS.

Prof's Prepared To Defend Flag In Big Series

Academics Impatient As Battle For 1943 Diamond Title Looms

By SGT. MILTON LUBAN
With two weeks of practice, including an exhibition game, the Academic Prof's are impatiently awaiting the umpire's signal to start the big series against the Parachute School or the 176th Infantry for the 1943 Fort Benning baseball championship.

The one game the Prof's played was against the 31st Armored Sandies, twice victors over the Columbus Foxes. The Prof's proved they were ready for the game, for by massacring the Sandies, 20 to 0, with Joe Dickinson and Rudy Rundus dividing the pitching, Dickinson gave up two hits in five innings while Rundus allowed one hit in four.

Either of these two hurlers will be Manager Herb Moore's choice for the first game, with the other pitching the second. Bill Bobo will be the moundman for the third game and Lefty Lehner will take over in the fourth.

HARD SCRIMMAGE

The squad was held to conditioning exercises, running through plays passing and dummy practice until Friday, when "Big Red" gave the word to start head-knocking. Two teams faced each other and the fruit of the preceding days practice was realized, as play after play was run with power.

There is still a shortage of ends, but those that are in the fold have taken Sam Sharp's word and have toughened up their play. Passes from Roy Costary and Jim Todd were clicking in spite of an improved pass defense. Warren MacIntosh and Johnny Soltas appeared many of the heaves for substantial gains.

DAVIS INJURED

Deadly silence reigned after an off tackle slant, when "Racehorse" Davis failed to get up. Relief followed after a few minutes as the injured player was being pulled and was being subjected to heat treatments. This curbed the splendid work the fast Gator back has been doing lately. He has not only taught the other backs the correct way, but his play has demonstrated his teachings.

GREEN IMPROVES

Most improved tackle seen this week was big Bill Green. The big man, who is the closest contender of Jack McKewen for the largest man on the squad, has bettered his play to the extent that he is well in the line of play for a coveted starting position.

The new Gators have been taken on. A back and an end from the University of Indiana have been assigned to the regiment and have reported for football practice. Bob White, the back, and Johnny Nash, an end, played with Indiana for the past three years. Their addition is expected to help out where the Gators have appeared weakest so far.

This week, the Gator mentor plans to put his team through the hardest practices this season with scrimmages practically every day.



SABER LINKS ACE—When the 300th Infantry sent out a call for golfers to make up the regimental golf team it unearthed a sensation in the person of Jim Buckley.

A par golfer by habit, Buckley is self-developed with some aid from canny Jack MacDonald, Scottish pro. Buck was intercollegiate champ at Illinois College and during his recent furlough surprised the gang at the local club by establishing a new course record of 69.

In his few appearances to date on the Fort Benning Links Buckley has lived up to his reputation, playing the course either at par or close to it.
An unassuming soldier, Buck isn't impressed by his own prowess. He plays the game because he likes it, and if he happens to play it well that's a matter of secondary importance to him. (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Don Kortemeier.)



THE BOYS FROM YOUNGSTOWN—Three varsity members of the 124th Gator eleven this fall hail from Youngstown, Ohio, home of famous Fireball Frankie Sinkwich. They are End Johnny Soltas, Back Roy Costary, and Tackle Shine Berast. All three played against Sinkwich in prep school days. (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Mel Stock.)

124th Gators Will Face Two Strong Naval Elevens on Enemy Gridirons

Squad Shows Big Improvement With News of Games Against NATTC Foes

By CORP. ED FOGG

Inspired by the news that they would meet two of the nation's most powerful Navy teams during the fall campaign, the 124th Gators really "dug in" this past week and showed tremendous improvement in their practice sessions on the gridiron.

Necessary schedule details have now been completed and it was announced over the week-end that the Benning eleven will meet the Jacksonville Naval Air Technical Training Center club in the Florida city on September 25th, and the Memphis NATTC eleven in Memphis on November 21st.

MYERS IS COACH

Jacksonville will have an eleven composed of many of the big-time stars of last fall's powerful Middle College which rated among the top service teams in this nation. Although a new team, Memphis will be coached by Denny Myers, last fall's Boston College tutor, and promises a first-class eleven.

Coach Milton in a statement said, "This past week marked the turn in the road for the squad and the men have settled down and the hard work ahead and are working with a vengeance."

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Natators Set For Big Show September 19

Team Competition, Event For WACS Also Listed

Fort Benning's 1943 swimming and diving championships will be held in Russ Pool on Sunday afternoon September 19th, at 2:30 o'clock. It was announced this week by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic officer.

Both team and individual championships will be contested, with a handsome trophy being awarded to the unit capturing the team title. Other special prizes will be awarded by the Fort Benning Athletic Association, sponsors of the title meet, to winners and runners-up in the various events.

EVENT FOR WACS

A three-man team real event has also been listed and the members of the winning team, all of whom must be from the same unit, will be awarded gold swim medals. An additional feature will be a 50-yard freestyle event for WACS on the 19th.

Lt. Arthur T. Monahan, assistant special service officer and former scholastic swim coach, is in charge of the committee, and will be in charge of the championship meet. He will also serve as referee and official starter.

150-YARD RELAY

Four individual races and a diving event will be held. The races will be a 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard breaststroke, and a 100-yard freestyle for soldiers. There will also be the 150-yard freestyle relay.

All entries must be made on the official entry blank printed in this issue of the Bayonet. Filled-out entries should be sent to the Fort Benning Athletic Association, main post, bowling alley building. No entries will be accepted after Wednesday, September 15th.

Rules issued for the big swim event are:

1. No entries will be accepted after September 15th.
2. No lifeguards who have served at Russ pool will be accepted this year are eligible to enter.
3. No soldier will be permitted to enter more than two (2) events, not including the relay.
4. Official uniform for men will be true only.
5. Intercollegiate swimming rules will prevail.
6. Points towards the team championships will be awarded in the individual events on a (Continued on Page 7)

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SABER GOLFERS LOSE FIRST LINKS BATTLE
In its first match of the golf season, the 300th Infantry team was roundly trounced 21-1-2 to 1-2-1 by the superior play of the 176th last Monday at the Fort Benning course.
Originally scheduled for the previous Saturday, the match was transferred to Monday. However, the 300th because of Infantry School problem commitments was unable to produce its previously planned team on that day.
Despite the bad trouncing at the hands of the 176th and a terrific downpour that drenched the players from the 10th hole on, the 300th team showed promise of becoming a top flight aggregation as the season progresses.
James Buckley with a score of 74 produced the best score for the Sabers.

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300th Team Meets Georgia Tech Squad

Sabers Will Field Strong Team For Game in Atlanta Against Engineers

By SGT. FORREST KYLE

Georgia Tech, already tabbed as certain to be one of the gridiron powers of the nation this fall, will provide the highlight game of the 300th Infantry Sabers' football schedule.

The clash with the famed Jackets will be staged at Grant Field, Atlanta, on Saturday, Oct. 16th.

Even though the 300th's schedule is still incomplete, Georgia Tech automatically becomes the "big" game of the season for which the Sabers will point during the next month.

STRONG SQUAD . . . The Sabers hardly will be lambasted to the slaughter come next Oct. 16th for Head Coach Bob Friedman and his two night-hand men, Ernie Allen and Joe Rott, have assembled a squad which should compare favorably with any service team in the country. More than a month of daily sessions already are behind the Sabers. The first actual competition for the Sabers will be the 300th of this season in a practice game.

The 176th Spirit and the 124th Gators, incidentally, will furnish four Fort Benning conference games for the Sabers. Another game is booked with Daniel Field on an Augusta gridiron while negotiations are now being carried on for games with other colleges.

EX-COLLEGIANS . . . The three Saber coaches have quite a number of former college and professional luminaries, among which is a starting line-up. As a matter of fact, the coaches themselves have a brilliant background. Friedman was a crack end for Michigan State, captained the Blue eleven in the North-South game at Montgomery and last fall performed on Col. Bob Neyland's Eastern Army All-Star Squad.

Rott was an All-American guard at Texas A. & M., and Allen scampers to fame at Kentucky. Both played on All-Star Army eleven.

Along the forward wall, the Sabers have left and experience. In addition to Friedman, the leading end candidates include Sgt. Dean Robinson of Georgetown, John Gibson of Maryland, Thad Chalmers of North Carolina State and Bute Simmons of Texas A. & M.

HUSKY TACKLES . . . Four husky tackles scuffling for a starting job are Roger Reeves, 216-pound ex-Texas Christian; Jim Robinson, 215 pounds from Texas A. & M.; Paul Fromm of Penn State, 225-pounds; and Bill Southwick, 225-pounds, from the University of Nevada.

There is no lack of talent for the guard posts, either. Loyd Sims, out of Oklahoma A. & M., was an All-American member, in addition to being a national intercollegiate wrestling champion. Before entering the service he was sought by the Chicago Bears. Then there is Blaine Sterner.

Bowling Green, Ky., and of course, Rott.

Vic Richardson, who once snapped on back for the 12th, probably will draw the same assignment for the Sabers.

ALLEN FLASHES . . . Allen, who looked unusually good in a recent scrimmage, is expected to be the Sabers' break-away runner. He probably will share the tailback spot with Soldier, U.C.L.A. back who made the longest run against Georgia in the last Rose Bowl game.

Three members of Tennessee's



RED-HOT ACTION was dishied up plenty last Friday night when the 300th Sabers punched their way to a ring win over the 176th Spirits in Doughboy Stadium. Above, Hugh Miller, Spirit middleweight, shoots a fight at the chin of Rudy Garcia, Saber soccer, who gained the decision in the windup bout. (Signal Lab photo by Pvt. Bob Ruger.)



HARD-HITTING first baseman on the crack 31st Armored nine, of the "Lucky Seventh" Armored Division, is Bill Joyner from Trenton, N. J. His timely batting and fancy fielding are one of the big reasons for the recent wins the Sandies have racked up over the Columbus Foxes.

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Swim—

(Continued from Page 6) 5-3-1 basis with the exception of the relay where the winning team will earn 10 points, the second-place team 6 points, and the third-place team 3 points.

7. There is no limit on the number of entries which can be accepted from any given unit.

8. In the event of a large number of entries in any event, trial heats will be held. These will be decided on a time basis.

Benning's Own 'World Series' to Open Sunday Night at Gowdy Field

Fort Benning's own "world series" will open on Sunday night in Gowdy Field at 7 o'clock with the Academic Regiment Profs, first-half post champions, opposing the winner of last night's 176th-Parachute tilt in the second-half playoff series.

When the Bayonet went to press last night, it was announced that the "world series" of Benning baseball will open Sunday night, regardless of which team captured the second-half laurels.

The final series to determine a 1943 diamond champ will be a seven-game affair with the games being played on consecutive days, barring rain. In event of rain, the scheduled game will be played on the following day. All games will be held in Gowdy Field, starting each night at 7 o'clock.

Ramazotti's Homer Keeps Spirits in the Title Series

Bob Ramazotti and Lefty Wissman, two of Benning's finest diamond performers, teamed up again Tuesday night to pull the 176th Infantry back from the depths of defeat and earn the

Spirits a thrilling 2-to-1 win over the Parachute squad to even the post's second-half title series at two-all.

Ramazotti won Tuesday night's tilt for the infantrymen when he slammed a 245-foot home run over the left field fence in the last half of the eighth to score "Shuffle" Lohr ahead of him, and the crowd went wild.

Up until that terrific blow of the Spirit shortstop, the TPS nine had the game won on the basis of a single run scored in the seventh frame. Pete Bardin, hurling for the chutists, had the Spirits well in tow, and it looked as if the paratroopers were just about "in" as second-half post champs.

But Ramazotti, a splendid competitor, changed the entire outcome of the game and possibly the series with his drive. After Bardin had retired one batter at the start of the fatal frame, Lohr managed to work the TPS hurler for a walk. Then on a one-and-one count, Bardin tossed a high curve to the ever-dangerous Ramazotti and the "Bam" popped it out of the park to put the Spirits right back in the series.

Had it not been for Lefty Wissman's steady mound work, however, the chutists would have sewed up the game long before. The crafty southpaw gave up six hits over the nine-inning route but was stingy in the pinches. He struck out 11 paratroopers and kept them under control except in the seventh.

In that frame, Frank Mancuso, brother of National-leaguer Gus, opened with a Texas league double down the rightfield foul line and advanced to third on an infield out. He then scored on Dale Porterfield's timely single to give the TPS nine a temporary lead.

Wissman was superb the rest of the way as he hung up his second win of the series. The great southpaw has now accounted for both Spirit wins, and undoubtedly will be in the bullpen tonight for emergency service in case Cooper falters.

For Bardin, the defeat was a heartbreaker. The splendid right-hander pitched his second full game in four days, coming back with only a two-day rest after beating the Spirits Saturday night by a 5-to-4 count.

Big Panther Sports Year Is Concluded

3rd STR Service Unit Hears Up Good Record

The fact that the Service Battalion, Third Student Training Regiment, is rounding out a year of creditable participation in athletics has only served as an inspiration to the Panthers can find little time for celebration.

From the standpoint of contests won, the average by-stander certainly would not say ours has been a successful year for the Panthers on many occasions. On the other hand, when the situation is viewed and the morale effect, sportsmanship, and other intangible benefits taken into account, this has been an outstanding year in the development of this organization.

PANTHER MENTORS . . . Much credit for the success of the Panther program must be given to Lieutenant Jack Gushin. It was he who presented the idea of such a program to Colonel Robert H. Lord, Regimental Commander, and Major Francis J. Fishburne, the Service Battalion Commander.

The support and cooperation of Master Sergeant Samuel Sellers was also an important factor in the inauguration of such a program and his many years of experience in the field of athletics has proved invaluable.

PHILLIPSON ACE . . . Synonymous with the mention of Panther football, basketball and baseball is the name of Frankie Phillipson, former Brooklyn school boy star. Much credit is due Phillipson for his outstanding display of athletic ability and sportsmanship. There is also Henry (Hank) Blackburn of Chicago who attended and played flashy basketball for Xavier University, New Orleans, La.

James Griffin, who hails from Stamford, Conn., has shown ability as a clever basketball and baseball star and is out this season to show what he can do as a grid team member. Eddie Jackson, former Golden Glover and pro heavyweight, is deserving of a great deal of praise for his tireless efforts with the leather throwers of the battalion and it is expected that a great deal more will be heard from these fighters during the next few months.

PIN-UP GIRL OF THE WEEK

RUSS POOL RAVE—The lads down at Russ Pool, which provides the scenic background for our pin-up shots, came forward last week with their own selection of a swim queen for pin-up honors. Heading their advice, we photographed her on a chance and here's the result. Right nifty, we'd say. Her name is Virginia Gold and she hails from out Chicago way. Hubby is an officer candidate named Howard Gold, who you might remember gained the title of "Mr. Chicago" in 1941 for his male form. We bashfully suggest that Mr. Chicago's missus ought to rate some kind of title for similar reasons. We can't tell you much about Virginia, because she appeared for the photo, then disappeared right away, and we haven't been able to find her since. But the pic speaks for itself. We're sure you'll pay most attention to the swim suit with its modernistic motif, but just in case you're interested in the wearer, we'll tell you she's slim, petite, olive-skinned and dark-haired. A glistening beauty, no less, and now let the picture speak for itself. (Signal Lab Photo by Sgt. Don Kortemeier.)



Bayonet Dummies Smile Happily as Frenchmen Thrive on U.S. Lemonade

Double Shift Communications Course Given

Infantry School Expects Big Increase In Enlisted Enrollees

A student officer in the 12th Company of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, found the following story in a rare and artful edition of the late Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories" in the Fort Benning Library:

"Once upon a time, Dearly Beloved, there lived in a place called Norton Field twelve swinging dummies who were the happiest swinging dummies in the world. Their faces were lit up with a broad smile, and they always said a very polite 'How do you do' to all soldiers who passed by."

"One day, there came along the Master of the Bayonet. He looked ferocious and talked ferocious and viciously stuck bayonets into the dummies, and swore at them, and the dummies began to lose their happy smiles."

"Now, just about the same time, you must not ask how they managed to interlace bayonets; this is an awfully important military secret and would give valuable information to the enemy."

"Anyway, the Frenchmen sailed forth on the big American Ocean liner, the B.A.R.'s as they went along. (Do not ask what B.A.R.'s are, or why they were being fired; remember about military secrets.)"

UNORTHODOX USE . . . "By and by, the raft came to Norton Court, and when the Master of the Bayonet saw all those bayonets put to such an unorthodox use, he looked more ferocious and swore louder than ever, and the dummies looked sadder and sadder, and the Master of the Bayonet became hotter and hotter, and pretty soon the ocean began to dry up, and the Frenchmen were stranded on Norton Field, and the Earth itself began to dry up, and became dusty, and the swinging dummies and the Frenchmen became also hot and parched and thirsty."

"Just about then, a captain of the angels happened to be flying by. His name was Captain Reid, and how he became an angel and could fly lightly around is another military secret that would give aid and comfort to the enemy. Anyway, he took pity on what he saw, and he immediately caused it to be brought forth a large supply truckload of lemonade and the Frenchmen drank and drank and drank, and the lemonade was so good that they forgot their native land, and just revelled in the lemonade, and the Earth began to feel happy again, and the Master of the Bayonets went away, and the issue."

swinging dummies once more began to smile, and this is why, Dearly Beloved, if you happen to walk past Norton Field on a sunny morning, you will find there are twelve swinging dummies who will politely take off their caps, and say to you 'How loy ou do.'"

Our dear reader has a picture to show all this. The swinging dummies and the Master of the Bayonets and the Frenchmen and Captain Reid as an angel, but the issue, and the Master of the Bayonets went away, and the issue."

Bowling King of Post Has Seen Good Deal of World

Sergeant Trott Saw Service in Russia, China, Philippines

Ranking first sergeant of the Academic Regiment—under the sergeant-major—is Elies J. Trott, a bit of Ohio, Texas, Massachusetts, and Minnesota before he sailed with the 27th Infantry to Vladivostok in 1918, to serve 17 months in Siberia. He learned how to speak Russian and traveled as far inland as Amok on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. "Most exciting part of his stay in Russia, however, was his eyewitnessing of several clashes between the White Czarist troops and the Red army."

BALL ON CORREGIDOR . . . In 1920 Trott's outfit started for home via Shanghai, China, and Nagasaki, Japan, stopping over a while in the Philippines. Here Sgt. Trott had the unique experience of playing baseball on Corregidor Island, later to become a battleground for bigger stakes.

He wound up that year in San Francisco, California. While he was at Fort Crooke, Neb., during 1921, he was catcher on a baseball team that won 52 out of 55 games!

ALL-ARMY TACKLE . . . He arrived at Fort Benning in 1925 to find a home in the I. S. D., peace-time name of the Academic Regiment, where he made All-Army tackle while playing for the I. S. D. football eleven.

However, one look at the trophy case in the main barracks will suffice to prove that Sgt. Trott's great fame as an athlete rests mainly on his bowling activities. It was Trott, as a matter of fact, who helped design the Post Bowling Alley, of which he was once the manager. He captained the I. S. D. team for ten years, during which time the team won eight out of ten championships and finished second the other two years.

POST BOWLING ACE . . . In addition, he was a member of the post bowling squad and played against teams from the leading cities o-fthe south—Birmingham, Pensacola, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans. His lifetime average, as recorded here at Fort Benning, is 189, while his high score in bowling is 277.

ALL-STAR TEAMS

Inasmuch as a few coaches have not yet returned their ballots on the all-star baseball selections, announcement of the final choice for the mythical nines in three post diamond loops will be delayed until next week's edition of the BAYONET. Look for the all-star teams then!

Red Sox Oppose Reception Center In First Playoff Battle Tonight

The titans of Fort Benning's colored baseball circles will clash at Gowdy Field tonight at seven o'clock in the opening game of their playoff series for the 1943 Service League title when the 1st STR Red Sox oppose the Reception Center totters.

The Red Sox swept to the first-half title without a defeat and were tumbled only once in the second-half. That defeat was at the hands of Roy Welmaker and the Orphan nine which won the last-half crown without a loss.

The series will be a five-game affair with the Service League trophy awarded by the F. B. A. A. going to the winner. It will be played on consecutive days, with the first three games slated for tonight, Friday and Saturday at Gowdy at 7 o'clock. The fourth tilt, if necessary, will be at 2 o'clock Sunday in the big park, while a fifth game will be played at Reception Center Field Monday night if needed.

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Several Participate In Recent NBC Army Hour TIS Program

The War Department's official Radio Hour over NBC and its 170 station hook-up recently featured Fort Benning and its new Infantry School. Switching about the world from Camp McCoy in Wisconsin, Algeria, Sicily, New York and many other news cast hot spots, the Army Hour was heard from coast to coast by thousands of America's top notch fighting men. For those of the armed forces who could not be within the turning distance of a radio, the entire program was recorded and will be shortwave overseas for one full week.

Many of Fort Benning's most famous personalities contributed their part to the success of the program. First Student Training Regiment, which is the voice of Lieutenant Martin Olsen, in palmier days of peace this character actor of one of his more famous parts being that of "Daddy Warbucks" in Little Orphan Annie.

Lieutenant George E. Fuller, also of the 13th Company, First Student Training Regiment, contributed his share to the program. Lieutenant Fuller is known for not alone his radio work but also his accomplishments on the legitimate stage. He likewise has gained himself a favorable reputation as a show manager, having managed exhibits at the Cleveland, San Francisco and San Diego Expositions. His most famous military role being that of announcer for the great Army War Show.

As narrator for the Army Hour, the Infantry School was fortunate in having the golden voice of Lieutenant "Don" Kearney of the Sixth Regiment's claim to radio fame. Don's voice has been heard from coast to coast over most national hook-ups. Prior to gaining his commission via Benning's obstacle and G.T. courses Lt. Kearney was

Col. Burkhalter Feted on Natal Day By Associates

Colonel Harry N. Burkhalter, Sr., commanding officer of the Academic Regiment, walked toward the Officers' Mess last Monday expecting to find just another midday dinner gathering.

But when he entered the hall he was surprised by the regimental officers and their guests, including Mrs. Jane Burkhalter and "Billie" Burkhalter, sang "Happy Birthday to You".

Sixty bright candles burned cheerfully on a huge, four-tier birthday cake as the tall veteran soldier, towering over the entire assemblage, took his place at the head of the table.

For the Colonel, the occasion marked his forty-third year since his introduction to the uniform of the United States Army, during which time he has risen from buck private to the full colonel and seen action in the Philippine Insurrection and in World War I.

Harry N. Burkhalter, Jr., a West Point graduate, has recently been made a full colonel in the Air Corps. William, the second son, who was present at the surprise party, is fifteen and is a familiar figure on the post as pitcher for the "Zientras" junior baseball nine.

Guests at the birthday celebration included Maj. Harry (Hank) Gowdy, former major-league baseball star, who is now special service officer of The Infantry School.

Lt. Frank Kovacs, U.S. pro tennis star stationed in Australia, flew 600 miles to Sydney the other day to play a special exhibition match with Aussie star Jack Crawford only to find that the match had been cancelled. Australian net officials called the tilt off in fear that a match with Kovacs might endanger Crawford's standing as an amateur.

with the Army War Show as assistant publicity man. At the present time Lt. Kearney is Public Relations Officer for the 6th Regiment.

ASTP Basics Begin Pouring Into 6th Reg't

After months of preparation, thousands of rumors and numerous indications that they "will be here any day now," the first group of ASTP trainees has finally arrived in the 6th Regiment, Basic Training Center of The Infantry School.

They've been swarming into the 1st Battalion at the rate of over a hundred a day and with the unit now nearly filled with its full complement of a thousand men, the 12-week training cycle under the direction of Major Edward Donaldson, battalion commander, will probably get underway some time next week.

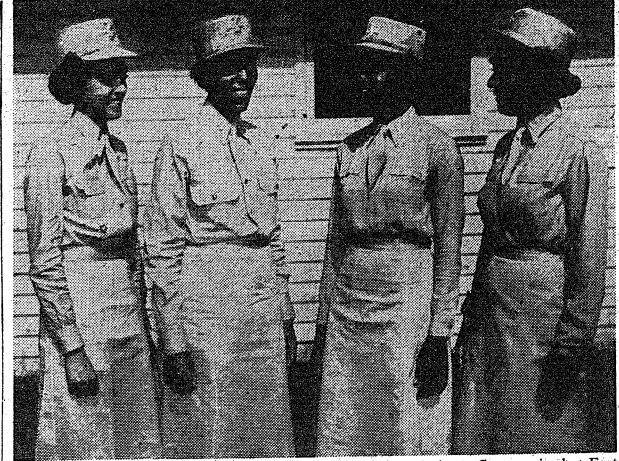
Almost every state in the union and every walk of life is represented in the group of men who are pitching into army life with a gusto typical of the spirit behind the ASTP program.

During the week the men have been receiving orientation lectures on army life, have been getting a well-made army coat looks after properly done up. Although many initially found it difficult to get used to the Georgia heat, all indications now point to a quick hardening of the men with but rare cases of loss of duty because of the weather.

What impressed most of the officers of the 1st Battalion was the high calibre of men in the unit. Their alertness and quick response promptly dispelled any of the usual preconceptions of new recruits.

Good to see, too, was the smooth working reception work that functioned without a hitch. Trucks whisked the men from the airport to Columbus with the least possible delay. Processing work under the direction of Capt. Edgar Barrett, battalion adjutant, was carried on as if it had been done for years, instead of for the first time.

But probably most gratifying of all is the new spirit prevalent in the 1st Battalion. With the long-awaited trainees finally here, the organization has taken on new life. The place is a beehive of activity, with everyone from the CO down to the bottom man determined that the 1st Battalion will set the pace in the regiment.



AS THE CADRE of the first colored company of the Women Army Corps arrived at Fort Benning, the officers join the cadre of three officers and 12 enlisted personnel will be supplemented shortly to bring the unit up to a strength of about 150. The WACs will replace soldier personnel in the colored unit up to the post. Shown above, left to right, are Second Lieut. Patricia A. Gunter, Nashville, Tenn., executive officer; Second Lieut. Lucille Y. Mayo, New York, N.Y., the commanding officer; Second Lieut. Ella L. Clayton, Miami, Fla., mess officer, and Sergeant Rosalie Gravely, Bluefield, Va. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

3rd STR Farm Produces A Bumper Corn Harvest

19 Georgians With Lucky 7th

Assigned to the "Lucky 7th" Armored Division, now garrisoned at Fort Benning after several months of desert training, are 19 officers who are Georgia residents.

Traditionally lucky to be assigned to Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester's hard-hitting fighting unit, they feel doubly lucky in being located in their home state. Two of the officers are literally at home because they are in Columbus, just outside the military reservation. They are Lt. Col. Henry Dehnke, Trains Headquarters Co., and Maj. Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr., 40th Armored Regiment.

Two others are Atlanta residents: Capt. Fred O. Jackson, 1705 Gordon street, aide-de-camp to the commanding general; and Capt. Pugh E. Kyle, 973 Clifton Road, assigned to the 48th Armored Infantry Regiment.

Adel, Ga., has given two men to the division's 87th Reconnaissance battalion: 1st Lt. Earnest E. Mabe and John W. Wells, Jr., headquarters of the 87th Reconnaissance. The remaining 13 officers from the Peach state include Capt. William F. McKemie of Ft. Gaines and Warrant Officer Louis Platus of Americus, 31st Armored Regiment; Capt. Ben R. Freeman of Greenville and Lt. Col. Samuel L. Irwin, 48th A.I.R.; and Maj. Arthur Cannon, Jr., of Covington, battalion commander of the 87th Reconnaissance.

Others assigned to division headquarters are 1st Lt. Henry M. Hays of Camilla, Maj. Reginald Hodgson of Athens, Maj. John V. Maxwell of Augusta and Lt. John P. Neal of Dalton.

Assigned to the 40th Armored Regiment are 1st Lt. John W. McKinstry of Savannah, Capt. Lovett Newell of Albany, and Maj. Fred C. Sweat of Waycross.

30-Acre Tract Yields 11,000 Ears Of Choice Grain

Those tasty roasting ears which have appeared on mess hall tables throughout the 3rd Student Training Regiment for the past several weeks are the products of the 30-acre farm which was put into operation by Service Battalion officers and men immediately after its acquisition from the Second Student Training Regiment two months ago.

Capt. Jack D. West, commanding officer of Company C of the 30-acre farm, who took over the active supervision of the farm upon the recent departure of Capt. Hugh D. Coleman, has estimated the corn harvest from the tract at 11,000 ears.

Not a bit of this corn has gone to waste, either. It was discovered that about 50 bushels of the corn had dried out to the extent that it would not be palatable when served as roasting ears so this surplus was converted into cornmeal by the Service Battalion.

While corn represents the major crop harvested thusfar, the farm also has produced many other staples which have been enjoyed by the men. There were, for example, 500 watermelons and two bushels of cantaloupes, four bushels of squash, and two bushels each of tomatoes and beans.

These small harvests are but the forerunner of greater quantities to come. It has been revealed by Captain West that another four acres of beans and snap beans have been planted and will bear soon and that a full acre of watermelons, cantaloupes and muskmelons has been planted with onions, black-eyed peas, watermelons and mustard greens. Fractions of acres that have been planted are as follows: cantaloupes; half, tomatoes; half, sweet potatoes; one and half, butter beans; a fourth each, lettuce, beets, carrots, spinach, turnips, rutabagas; half turnips, half, radishes.

Post Artists Exhibit Work In Atlanta

Paintings by 11 soldier-artists of Fort Benning now are on display at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, and will remain on public view through Sept. 15.

Hailed by critics in Atlanta as outstanding, it is acclaimed "one of the most interesting shows recently made available to the public." One highlight of the exhibit is a sketch of a huge mural by Sgt. Anthony Maniatis of the Academic Regiment, from which Staff Sgt. George A. Cook is making the mural. Sergeant Cook also is represented with a portrait and a dozen water color scenes.

All of the soldiers were professional artists before entering the army. Capt. Frank Irvine, formerly of Detroit, is famous for his dog portraits, of which several are represented with a "one-point" or "wolf pencil" technique are on display.

Others represented include Tech. Sgt. Arend Behrens, with a watercolor of Staff Sgt. Alfred W. Bell, block print and water-color; Sgt. James Bordonaro, mural design; Sgt. S. L. Borazzo, marine watercolor; Sgt. Charles Squires, mural design, and Sgt. Whitney Steward, air-brush design. All are of the Academic Regiment.

Corporal Kenneth Jackson, of the 17th Infantry, has contributed several oil paintings while Pvt. Edward Scollin, of the ASTP, has on display several pastel landscapes.

The jump, jump-mastering and the tactical ground maneuver were under direction of Capt. David Rosen. Cameras recorded the leap from the plane while another camera on the ground followed the men down and then recorded on film the setting up of a machine gun and assembling of the rifleman.

Material and equipment bundles were sent to the ground by parachute before the men jumped. They then assembled the equipment and went through their exercises for the film.

Colored WAC Assigned Here

Cadre of 3 Officers, 12 Enlisted Women Form Company Cadre

A cadre of three officers and 12 enlisted personnel of the first company of colored WACs to be assigned in Georgia has arrived at Fort Benning becoming the fourth company of the Women's Army Corps at the post.

Under the command of Second Lieut. Lucille Y. Mayo, the unit will replace colored enlisted personnel on duty at the Reception Center and other installations at Fort Benning.

A special detail will be included in the company, which is designated WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section 2, to assist in an educational program at the Reception Center.

Two officers of the company who are to arrive shortly and 16 enlisted personnel, all of whom have civilian teaching experience, will act as instructors at the Reception Center's basic training school.

Other jobs to be filled by new WACs are those of general clerks, hospital orderlies, truck drivers, cooks and bakers for the company, classification specialists and tailors for the Reception Center.

The advance unit of the company arrived at Fort Benning from Fort Des Moines, Ia. The remaining enlisted and officer personnel is expected to arrive in a short time.

Lieut. Mayo, 30 years old, of New York, who is commanding officer of the company, is a graduate of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Lieut. Mayo has been a teacher at Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Ga., and at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

Lieut. Mayo was the first WAC to arrive at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where she formerly was assigned in the motor transport branch.

Second Lieut. Patricia A. Gunter, 24, of Nashville, Tenn., whose husband is in the Army serving in North Africa, is the executive officer of the WAC company.

Lieut. Gunter, formerly a dental hygienist at Meharry Medical College hospital in Nashville, is the wife of Marcus Gunter, formerly a technician at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. Staff Sergeant Gunter is in a band overseas, where he has been for 16 months.

Second Lieut. Ella L. Clayton, 27, of Miami, Fla., is the mess officer of the company.

Lieut. Clayton in civilian life served secretly and was a member of the AFRO American Life Insurance Company in Miami and also in the same capacity for the Central Life Insurance Company.

She is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Miami and also attended Florida A. M. College at Tallahassee, Fla.

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By Phyllis

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The next country to be honored by the Overrun Countries series of five cent U. S. stamps will be France. This stamp will bear a design similar to the others, except that the appropriate flag will be inserted, and will be placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on September 28th.

The last meeting of the Fort Benning Stamp Club was rather disappointing. Most of our staunchest supporters failed to show up, and as a result, nothing much was accomplished. Next time, we hope to see a little more interest, and a little better attendance at the next meeting on Sept. 10. If the next rally doesn't amount to anything, it will be an indication that either the club is dead or the club is hibernating. And it is our opinion that a club that has to hibernate is pretty near dead anyway.

We read that a lot of collectors are yelling for the U. S. to issue a stamp illustrating the Stars and Stripes. However, this does not seem to be such a good idea, since a stamp would be liable to be associated with the set of flag stamps which honors OVERUN nations, and we don't want any such insinuation. The United States is not, has never been, and never will be overrun by the Axis or any other foreign power.

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The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for this feature!

Dead Jap's Diary Reveals Story Of Nips' Crack-Up

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How the Japs slowly cracked under the relentless drive of American forces on a Pacific island is related in a between-the-lines but nevertheless vivid fashion in a diary found near the body of a dead Japanese officer whose defense was captured by a battalion led by Lieut. Col. Francis J. McGowan. Colonel McGowan recently came into the Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School after several months' service in the South

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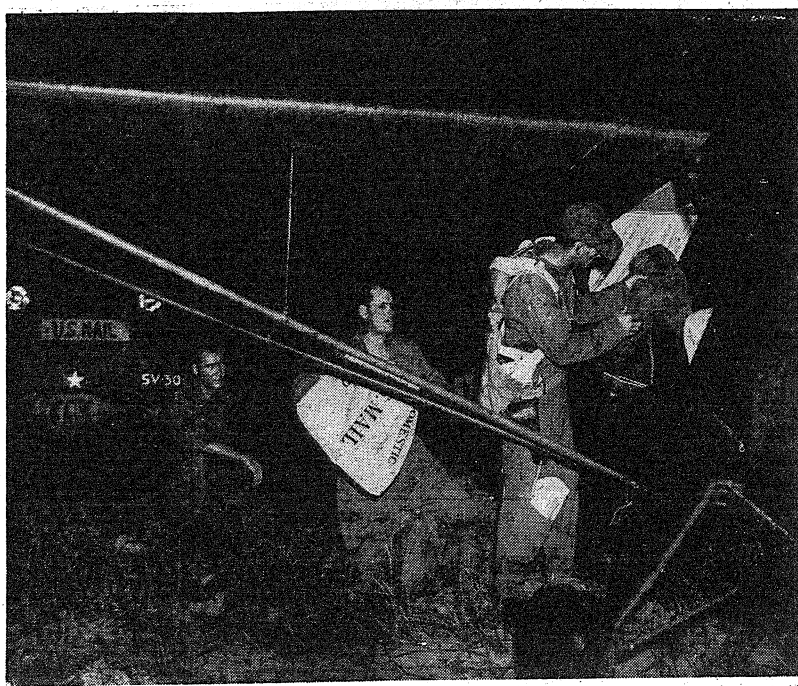
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peculiar after eating his meal, he died suddenly. This death increased the total of those killed in action and from disease to the large total of 18 men. This makes approximately the total of losses received in the occupation of Hong Kong and Java. Even in the face of the enemy the man's mind was entirely occupied with the thoughts of eating. We are waiting for the Spring-Sprout to come out, and we dream of the job of reducing the island more than ever. The airfield at Munda is finished and friendly planes will come over in large numbers.

Dec. 26—Asaba Kazuo also died of illness. It may be because he was unreasonably overworked.

Dec. 27—Oba Junia died from illness. My team overhauled the rain that came over every afternoon in his life in the jungle.

Dec. 28—Lt. Fonia died of wounds received the day before. Now without seeing the fall the island his spirit sleeps eternally in the jungle. My team overhauled.

Dec. 29—Yamamoto Kyoichi died from a wound, such the weak soldier with weak wills are of no good, for they die from a slight wound. His wound was trifling with hardly any bleeding, now the casualties are 25 men.

VICTORY IN '43

Dec. 30—By the 15th of next month transportation of supplies and troops will be carried out and we shall gain superiority, after that the 16 from the rear will pass us and after bombardment by planes and artillery we will carry out a general attack. In

two months all of — will return to our hands, then the enemy will not be able to hold the Tulagi area, I believe that a decisive victory for Japan on the spring of 1943 will take place and shall be everlasting life in military history.

Jan. 1—Two officers of the company have died, one ill and the other at the front, there is now no one to be my rival as company commander. I went to see the CO, Sgt. Mjr. and Sr. Sgt. and had a long talk. I learned many things I would not ordinarily have learned. I was deficient and ordinary training of troops, guard duty maneuver and lack of education, as company commander there is much of this I can put to use.

Jan. 2—I am waiting for Battalion Commander Maj. Nokiri. I am anxious to see him and see what type of person he is. As I was ill I stayed at Battalion HQ. The total of those who have died now are 31.

Jan. 3—Supplies are gradually improving, we only have to endure this 10 days more.

Jan. 4—In the evening the main forces of the Battalion arrive, although it is called the main force it consists of only 50 men. The battalion must have taken a very serious beating.

Jan. 5—Thirty-six more men departed for a battalion of the Oka unit.

Jan. 9—Hearing of conditions in each company from the NCO's it seems that supplies are not complete, characteristics are revealed which are not known under ordinary circumstances, such as the true nature of human beings. In a certain company the company commander lost almost all of his prestige by giving two cigarettes each to the men of his command, thanks to my equality like an ordinary soldier those under my command shall share alike, supplies have started to come in, and under my system of fairness men brought me many things extra, there was good feeling all around, Tukazana of illness.

FOOD SIT WORSE

Jan. 10—Major Mishimura again drew men from the reserve unit this afternoon, although I am company commander of the main forces of the main forces of the company there are only 19 men in all, it is really terrible to see the electric lights on the enemy airfield. The food situation is worse.

Jan. 14—Communications cut off from rear, we don't know what is going on.

(It was on this date that the Americans launched a full-scale attack.)

Jan. 17—I have a very empty stomach so I kill some large ants and ate them, they really were very good tasting, we really don't know what is going on here, and the enemy situation is not clear either, at 1 o'clock the enemy artillery started firing on us.

(During this period, a Japanese regiment, upon its refusal to surrender, was shot to pieces.)

Jan. 20—The fifth and eighth company commander killed yesterday. The eighth company retreated backwards, to receive a naval bombardment also. It is also too much.

Jan. 30—At 10 o'clock we were on special alert. Today's show: Special Axis. (Lieutenant Okagawa's body was found Feb. 4th.)

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Housing enlisted motor mechanics and radio operator students at the Infantry School, the mess halls of the 4th Battalion serve hundreds of hungry soldiers daily. Plans are now being made to repaint the messes, hang curtains in the dining rooms, and get all kitchen personnel into complete, duck-white cook's uniforms.

Methods of feeding the men cafeteria-style are constantly being improved. The importance of properly preparing meats and vegetables is being impressed upon the cooks. Minute timing is being employed to assure that food comes piping hot from the ovens just when meals are to start—not an hour ahead of time. Oven, stoves, and pressure cookers are constantly being checked for correct operating temperatures to insure proper cooking of vegetables and meats, to prevent excessive shrinkage, and to prevent food values and precious vitamins being cooked out of vegetables.

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Lucky Division Works To Check Food Waste

From "shaving" spuds to making croquettes of leftovers, the Seventh Armored Division at Fort Benning is continually waging war on food waste. No housewife could be as waste-conscious as a Seventh Armored mess sergeant. He is always on the lookout for new kinks in waste prevention.

An examination of several mess halls chosen at random reveals that enlisted men are practicing food conservation to the extent that approximately 98 per cent of the food prepared is eaten. Less than one per cent is left on the plates. Tasty preparation of food and skillful mess management utilize every bit of food drawn on rations every three days so that the soldier enjoys it. Rations must be used as they are drawn regardless of individual preference in the menu.

Mess Sgt. Joseph Regan of 669 Second Ave., Troy, New York, says: "I try and prepare the food so that the men will eat it. . . they prefer fried to baked, but I try to make it as palatable as possible. I make raisin cobbler or use them in a salad." That is Division Hq. Co. mess, but even in the line companies the story is the same.

In Co. "A" of the 77th Armored Medical Battalion where S. Sgt. Pete Tooley of Antwerp, N. Y., is mess master, mutton is dressed up with carrots and parsnips.

Sgt. Tooley has also acquired the habit of putting aside morsels of unused food for a hungry ambulance driver or guard just off duty. He is careful about saving scrap grease in the kitchen too, by rendering and making maximum use of it he turns it over to a civilian agency for fire rendering at the rate of six pounds per day. Other mess sergeants do likewise.

A former lumber camp and hotel chef, Sgt. Tooley learned his art from a French cook who taught

Life in Aleutians No Pink Tea Veteran Asserts

Life in the Aleutians is no pink tea party, or that you can take the word of Cpl. Paul Simmons, a member of the cadre of the 9th Company, 6th ASTP Basic Training Regiment.

Cpl. Simmons spent eleven months on one of the small islands in the Aleutians and was with the U. S. forces that landed on Kiska Island. The island on which he was stationed for most of the time was bombed four times by Japs. Was he frightened?

"Nope," he figured that with all the territory around for the Japs to bomb, there really was no reason why one should hit me.

"The job up there was tough, the corporal added, "and cold. We worked from dawn to dusk build in groves, airfields, buildings—anything to keep us busy."

The best news he received were orders transferring him to the Infantry School and assignment to the ASTP Basic Training Center. But now that he's back in the States, he'd like to go to war again.



New Soldier Vote Poses 'Mechanical' Problems

Machinery has been set up for the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad to vote in 1944's elections but how can they decide for whom to vote?

The voting machinery itself needs oiling but additionally the armed services must find a way of getting political news to the members if they are to know why and for what they cast a ballot.

When—or if—such a way is found, it will be a tightrope walking job. The services won't want to be accused of playing politics by slanting the news, giving one side more space than another.

Now the army and navy daily send their forces throughout the world a 2,000-word roundup of top national news. After the campaign starts, statements of a presidential and vice presidential candidates make undoubtedly will be carried as news, since they will be prime, general interest.

But the army and navy will have a job keeping its men and women more than 11 million by the fall of 1944—informed on the issues and personalities in the various congressional races all over the country.

Privates First Class

Nine enlisted men of Headquarters Detachment, Section One, have been promoted to private first class. They are Privates Anthony Adesso, Harold Benton, Robert L. Crevela, Daniel J. Mulane, Joseph R. Kilpatrick, Eugene T. Levy, Lewis C. Williams, Clarence A. Young, and William K. Holmes.

Unselfishness will work when we begin to work unselfishly.

4th SC Hdq. Sets Up Food Service Program

To further eliminate waste and make the handling of food for the soldiers training in the seven southeastern states more efficient, all phases of this activity have been placed under the control of a Food Service Program at Headquarters, Fourth Service Command in Atlanta.

Colonel William F. Riter, chief of the Quartermaster Branch, has been named director of the new food control organization. His assistant directors are: Colonel J. M. Rooks, former commandant of the Bakers and Cooks school with headquarters at Fort Benning and Captain Milton O. Lee, Sanitary Corps, as food and nutrition officer.

Captain Twohig Gets New Post

Officer Installed Post Record System

Capt. Joseph F. Twohig, commanding officer of the Army Post Office at Fort Benning, who gained fame for installing the intricate record system at the post has been ordered to a new post at New Orleans, it was announced today.

A veteran of 30 years in the post office in Boston, and also a veteran of World War I, Capt. Twohig worked out the system now being widely copied by other Army Post Office units whereby deliveries of 85 per cent of all mail addressed to soldiers has been effected.

Soldiers Bring Home to Injured Comrade in Arms

There's always a little envious note about the barracks when a happy soldier takes off on a furlough. But then, there is always the consolation that furloughs aren't rationed and every G. I. has a card for one, that is almost every G. I. has that hope.

There wasn't any immediate hope for Pvt. Joaquin Carrera of Co. E, 300th Infantry. Carrera was seriously injured in the line of duty last June and has been confined to Station Hospital since. He's likely to be there for some time.

His comrades decided to do something about Carrera's bad break, knowing that he had planned so long on a furlough to his home in Texas. They enlisted the aid of Lt. John Y. Burgess, their commanding officer, and then went to work.

Through popular subscription they raised enough money to send back to Texas for the expenses involved in bringing the soldier's mother to Fort Benning. Carrera will have a furlough with his mother after all.

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